

COMMODITY CHARACTERISTICS:

- Animal blood and serum samples and derivatives thereof
- Animal tissues or other body fluids
- Laboratory reagents and kits that contain material of animal origin

examples : antibodies, diagnostic test kits for human diseases, drug levels, animal tissue samples, pathology slides, formalinized teaching cadavers, urine samples

N.B. the following products are NOT covered by this directive:

Veterinary Biologics are products that prevent infectious disease or are for the diagnosis of an infectious animal disease (vaccine or diagnostic test for infectious animal disease).

The following chart refers to UNINFECTED animal by products. For commodities suspected of being infected with animal pathogens please refer to the import directive on pathogens for import requirements.

PROCEDURES:

	Blood and serum consigned to a lab, hospital or research institute	Blood and serum consigned to any other importer	Lab material with ingredients of animal origin that are highly processed	Other lab material of animal origin other than blood/serum not highly processed (<i>except manure or rendered product</i>)
From USA,	Regulated under Section 51.2	Regulated under Section 41.(1)	Regulated under Section 41.(1)	Regulated under Section 41.(1)
	Documents Requ'd US origin *	Documents Requ'd US origin	Documents Requ'd US origin	Documents Requ'd US origin

From designated countries	Regulated under Section 51	Regulated under Section 41.(2)	Documents Requ'd CCI - or other documentation stating end use not involving animals Customs to release	Regulated under Section 41.(2)
	Documents Requ'd AAFC Import permit	Documents Requ'd Official certificate documenting country of origin		Documents Requ'd Official certificate documenting country of origin
From non designated countries	Regulated under Section 51	Regulated under Section 52.1 / 52.(2)	Documents Requ'd CCI - or other documentation stating end use not involving animals Customs to release	Regulated under Section 52.1 / 52.(2)
	Documents Requ'd AAFC Import permit	Documents Requ'd Acceptable treatment or AAFC Import permit		Documents Requ'd Acceptable treatment or AAFC Import permit

* Blood and serum from the US for “in vivo” use requires an AAFC permit

- 1. Material of animal origin imported from the United States * except blood and serum consigned to a hospital, lab or research institute for “in vivo” use** may be imported if Revenue Canada, Customs determines that the country of origin is the United States as per Section 41.(1).
Risk: Low

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- 2. Blood, serum or derivatives (e.g. antibodies as such) thereof, consigned to a laboratory, hospital or research institute, from any country other than the USA;**
All blood and serum consigned to a hospital, lab or research institute for “in vivo” use

Requires an AAFC import permit. Importer must apply for an import permit from headquarters. They must submit documentation that details satisfactory treatment of the product.

Risk: High

3. Blood, serum or derivatives thereof, NOT consigned to a lab, hospital or research institute, from a DESIGNATED country

Avian - from countries designated free from Velogenic Newcastle disease and avian influenza

Canine / Feline - from all countries

Equine: from countries designated free of African horse sickness

Ruminant: from countries designated free foot and mouth disease.

Swine - pseudorabies, swine vesicular disease, African swine fever, hog cholera (classical swine fever) and foot-and-mouth diseases.

may be imported if accompanied by a certificate signed by an official of the government of the country of origin that shows that the country of origin or part thereof is a designated country or part thereof.

Risk: Low

4. Blood, serum or derivatives thereof, NOT consigned to a lab, hospital or research institute, from a NON DESIGNATED country

may be imported if accompanied by an import permit as per Section 52.2 or in the event that an import permit does not accompany the shipment but the shipment is accompanied by certification attesting to acceptable processing (as determined by HQ) as per Section 52.1.

Risk: High

5. Lab material with ingredients of animal origin that are highly processed

Examples - DNA, RNA, peptides, enzymes, diagnostic test kits for human disease or drug levels, pathology slides

The afore-mentioned products have been purified or processed and therefore the risk of introducing exotic animal diseases into Canada is considered negligible.

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may be imported from any country if accompanied by a Customs Commercial Invoice (CCI) or other documents indicating one of the above end-uses according to Agriculture Canada (AAFC), Animal Health (AH) program and can be released by Customs.

6. Other lab material of animal origin, not blood or serum (excluding manure and rendered animal products) and not highly processed

Examples - formalinized teaching cadavers, tissue samples, urine samples

From New Zealand, Australia, Denmark, Sweden, Iceland, Finland, Norway:

May be imported if accompanied by an official certificate of origin as per section 41.(2).

Risk: Low

From Other Countries:

may be imported according to Section 41.(2) if a country is designated free of any reportable disease to which the commodity could transmit. This will require a case by case assessment of the importation request. The specific commodity, species of origin and country of origin will have to be reviewed (at the present time, this review will be performed by headquarters). If satisfactory, then the commodity can be imported if accompanied by an official certificate of origin, or

if accompanied by an import permit as per Section 52.(2) or in the event that an import permit does not accompany the shipment but the shipment is accompanied by certification attesting to acceptable processing (as determined by HQ) as per Section 51.1

Risk: Medium to High

IMPLEMENTATION:

This general import directive supersedes all AH import directives either specific or general.

This directive relates to AH import requirements and does not remove any obligation to the Canadian importer to comply with the import requirements of other Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada programs and/or other departments.

If not prohibited by another AAFC Program, the documents mentioned above may be provided by facsimile to the Import Primary Contact (IPC) prior to importation, i.e. AGRI-PARS.

Imported products are subject to inspection fees of \$14.95 (AGRI-PARS) or \$25.25 (regular) with the exception of the United States of America, whereby no inspection fees are applicable.

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